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Human rights and thematic procedures

Note by the Secretariat

1. In paragraph 16 of resolution 1996/46, adopted on 19 April 1996, the Commission on Human Rights requested the Secretary-General, in close collaboration with the thematic special rapporteurs and working groups, to issue annually and sufficiently early their conclusions and recommendations, so as to enable further discussion of their implementation at subsequent sessions of the Commission.

2. Pursuant to this request, the annex to the present document contains the references to the pertinent chapters containing the conclusions and recommendations of the reports submitted to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-third session by the thematic special rapporteurs and working groups.

3. Furthermore, in paragraph 18 of resolution 1996/46, the Commission on Human Rights requested the Secretary-General to consider the possibility of convening further periodic meetings of all the thematic special rapporteurs and the chairmen of working groups of the Commission on Human Rights in order to enable them to continue to exchange views, cooperate more closely and make recommendations. In this context, it may be recalled that a meeting of special rapporteurs/representatives/experts and chairpersons of working groups of the special procedures of the Commission on Human Rights and of the advisory services programme was held from 28 to 30 May 1996, the report on which has been submitted to the Commission at its fifty-third session (E/CN.4/1997/3).

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Annex

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THEMATIC SPECIAL RAPPORTEURS AND WORKING GROUPS

Conclusions and recommendations of the **Special Rapporteur on the question of the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination** (E/CN.4/1997/24, paras. 114-130).

Conclusions and recommendations of the **Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances** (E/CN.4/1997/34, paras. 391-397).

Conclusions and recommendations of the **Working Group on Arbitrary Detention** (E/CN.4/1997/4, paras. 96-97).

Conclusions and recommendations of the **Special Rapporteur on the adverse affects of the illicit movement and dumping of toxic waste and dangerous products and wastes on the enjoyment of human rights** (E/CN.4/1997/19, paras. 74-93).

Conclusions and recommendations of the **Special Rapporteur on promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression** (E/CN.4/1997/31, paras. 59-67).

Concluding remarks by the **Special Rapporteur on the question of torture** (E/CN.4/1997/7, para. 217).

Conclusions and preliminary recommendations of the **Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences** (E/CN.4/1997/47, paras. 155-190).

Conclusions of the **Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons** (E/CN.4/1997/43, paras. 37-39).

Concluding remarks and recommendations of the **Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions** (E/CN.4/1997/60, paras. 107-134).

Conclusions and recommendations of the **Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance** (E/CN.4/1997/71, paras. 130-133).

Conclusions and recommendations of the **Special Rapporteur on all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief** (E/CN.4/1997/91, paras. 69-106).

Recommendations of the **Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography** (E/CN.4/1997/95 , paras. 107-114).

Conclusions and recommendations of the **Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers** (E/CN.4/1997/32, paras. 186-196).